

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of Van Buren County.

Your Committee on Claims submit the following partial report:

Claimant.	Am't Claimed.	Am't Allowed.
J. D. Springer, for Justice fees	\$ 3 48	\$ 3 48
Samuel Longstreet, for Justice fees	8 93	8 93
L. R. Dibble, examining insane person.	5 00	5 00
E. R. Town, for constable fees.	13 20	9 98
Shakespeare & Rounds, for stationery.	9 38	9 38
A. W. Bostford, for Deputy Sheriff fees.	2 30	2 30
W. P. Bryan, for Justice fees.	24 94	24 94
R. Rogers, for attendance on Court.	26 00	26 00
C. E. Galligan, for Justice fees.	36 14	36 14
Mrs. W. W. Shepard, for witness fees	1 90	1 90
J. E. Showersman, for Sheriff fees.	509 25	509 25
A. H. Chandler, for Justice fees.	37 25	37 25
Samuel Hart, for witness fees.	11 24	11 24
Rullivan Cook, for rent and lights.	39 00	25 00
Wm. Wiley, jury fee on inquest.	2 00	2 00
A. H. Chandler, fee for holding inquest.	27 78	27 78
H. C. Maynard, M. D. on inquest.	5 00	5 00
Calvin Field, Sup't of Poor.	32 00	32 00
Albert Cross, for Deputy Sheriff fees.	38 90	38 90
Edgar D. Darling, for brick and lime.	32 96	32 96
Charles Vealy, for constable fees.	9 42	9 42
A. G. Eastman, for Justice fees.	5 95	5 95
M. J. Smith, for constable fees.	5 19	5 19
E. L. Warner, for drawing brick.	3 75	3 75
Kilburn & Hudson, for paint and oil.	4 40	4 40
S. T. Conway, for printing.	180 60	180 60

P. T. STREATOR,
E. BARNUM,
O. W. WILLIAMS, } Committee.

On motion the Board adjourned until one o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment—roll called—quorum present.

The Committee on Claims referred the claim of John Van Arman for services rendered on the trial of the Matteson case, back to the Board for their action thereon, which on motion of Supervisor C. E. Heath was allowed at the sum of two thousand and seven dollars and fifty cents (\$2,007.50) by the following vote, viz:

YEAS—Messrs. French, Fitch, Williams, Howard, Streater, Barnum, Nutting, Brown, A. Heath, Rockwell, Yeckley, Watson, C. E. Heath, Hart, Cox, Thompson and Barker—17.

The claim of Timothy Sullivan, which was presented to this Board at its annual session and on motion was laid on the table, was taken therefrom, and on motion of Supervisor Fitch was allowed at the sum of ninety dollars, by the following vote, viz:

YEAS—Messrs. French, Fitch, Howard, Streater, Nutting, A. Heath, Cox, Rockwell, Yeckley, Hart and Barker—11.

NAYS—Messrs. Williams, Barnum, Brown, Watson, C. E. Heath and Thompson—6.

On motion of Supervisor Barnum, the propriety of using a portion of the money raised for the construction of the Scott Lake ditch be appropriated to the planking of about thirty rods of said ditch from the lake down as recommended by the Drain Commissioner, be referred to the Drain Committee.

Supervisor Barnum moved that the county refund to N. M. Pugsley the sum of ten dollars, being the amount paid by him to the Sheriff of this county upon order of the Court in the case of the Jennings ditch, upon which an injunction was issued, which motion prevailed.

Supervisor C. E. Heath moved that the citizens of the county be allowed the use of the Court House on the evening of Tuesday next for the purpose of holding a meeting for the purpose of discussing county matters, which motion prevailed.

On motion of Supervisor Thompson, further action on the claim of Cole Bros. was postponed until to-morrow morning.

On motion of Supervisor Nutting the claim of James E. Longwell for board, fire, &c. for John Van Arman, was allowed at eighty-seven dollars by the following vote, viz:

YEAS—Messrs. Streater, Barnum, Nutting, A. Heath, Rockwell, Yeckley, Watson, C. E. Heath, Hart, Cox and Barker—11.

NAYS—Messrs. Fitch, Williams, Brown and Thompson—4.

On motion the claim of G. F. Hitchcock for copying the testimony in the case of the People vs. Milo D. Matteson was allowed at the sum of two hundred and sixty-seven dollars and thirty cents.

The committee appointed by the Board to confer with the Prosecuting Attorney and Amos Morris in regard to the proposition of the extra expenses sustained in the trial of M. D. Matteson would beg leave to report that they have conferred with Amos Morris, and upon due consideration of all the circumstances, Amos Morris has agreed, in accordance with agreements heretofore made between him and the Prosecuting Attorney, to reimburse the county for money paid for extra counsel fees to the amount of eight hundred dollars, the same to be paid in four equal annual payments of two hundred dollars each with interest at seven per cent. Which said proposition and agreement your committee recommend be accepted by the Board, and that the Prosecuting Attorney be instructed to conclude the said agreement between the county and Amos Morris, as above indicated.

C. ROCKWELL,
R. HART,
I. J. COX, } Committee.

On motion the foregoing report was accepted and adopted.

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of Van Buren County.

Your committee, to whom was referred the report of the Drain Commissioner, would report that they have had the same under consideration, and would recommend the appointment of the Supervisors of Arlington and Columbia a committee to visit the Scott Lake ditch in company with the Drain Commissioner and make such arrangements as in their judgment may seem proper with regard to planking said ditch.

Which on motion was accepted and adopted.

On motion the Board adjourned until to-morrow morning at eight o'clock.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 1874.

Board met pursuant to adjournment—roll called—quorum present. Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of the jurors in the Matteson case submitted the following report:

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of Van Buren County.

Your committee to whom was referred the petition of the jurors in the case of the People vs. Milo D. Matteson for forgery, endorsed by Judge Brown and Prosecuting Attorney Comstock, asking extra pay on account of its being an unusually protracted and tedious trial, and also on account of their close confinement when out of the jury-box, beg leave to submit the following report:

They recommend that each juror in this case be paid fifty cents extra for the actual number of days they were closely confined or under the care of the Sheriff, making twelve dollars extra pay to each juror, but would ask that this recommendation should not be taken as establishing any precedent for the future.

RANSOM NUTTING,
CHAS. E. HEATH,
A. THOMPSON, } Committee.

On motion the foregoing report was accepted and adopted.

Supervisor Barnum moved that a vote of thanks be tendered to F. M. Manning by this Board for a copy of the State Pomological Society presented to each member by him, which motion prevailed.

Supervisor Barnum moved that a commissioner be appointed to convey the title of a lot in the village of Paw Paw, belonging to the county, heretofore contracted to Marcus Merriam, but in case said Merriam fails to comply with said contract, then said commissioner is authorized and empowered to convey and deed said lot to any person to whom it may be sold, which motion prevailed. Supervisor Barnum was appointed as such commissioner.

Supervisor C. E. Heath moved that the bill presented by Cole Bros. for windmill for county farm be allowed at one hundred and ninety dollars, which motion did not prevail by the following vote, viz:

YEAS—Messrs. Streater, Nutting, A. Heath, Watson, C. E. Heath, Hart and Thompson—7.

NAYS—Messrs. French, Williams, Howard, Barnum, Brown, Rockwell, Yeckley, Cox and Barker—9.

Supervisor Cox then moved that said bill be allowed at the sum of two hundred dollars, when Supervisor Howard moved to amend by allowing the bill as presented, which amendment was lost by the following vote, viz:

YEAS—Messrs. French, Streater, A. Heath, Yeckley, Watson, C. E. Heath, Hart, Cox, Thompson, Barker and Williams—11.

AYES—Messrs. Howard, Barnum, Watson, Hart and Barker—5.

The question then recurring on the original motion, which prevailed by the following vote, viz:

YEAS—Messrs. Fitch, Streater, A. Heath, Yeckley, Watson, C. E. Heath, Hart, Cox, Thompson and Barker—10.

NAYS—Messrs. French, Williams, Howard, Barnum, Nutting, Brown, and Rockwell—7.

The committee on county poor submitted the following report:

To the Board of Supervisors of Van Buren County.

Your committee on poor submit the following report, that having been informed that there has been reports in circulation that Mr. Hodge is keeping horses on the farm that are not needed, and that there has been grain and bedding taken from the Poor-farm by parties unknown to this committee prior to the time Mr. Hodge went onto the farm, have had an interview with the Superintendents of the Poor, and have been unable to gather any information to warrant any further investigation, and recommend that the Superintendents be instructed to procure a stamp and mark the bed-clothing and such other articles as is necessary, belonging to the county.

H. H. HOWARD,
O. WILLIAMS,
R. HART, } Committee.

Which on motion was accepted.

On motion the Board adjourned until one o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Board met pursuant to adjournment—roll called—quorum present.

Supervisor C. E. Heath presented the following resolution, which on motion was adopted:

Resolved, By the Board of Supervisors of Van Buren County, that the time for the collection of taxes be extended in the following towns for the number of days indicated below, and the collectors of such towns complying with the law in such cases.

Bangor.	50 days.	C. E. Heath.
Waverly.	50 "	P. T. Streater.
Paw Paw.	50 "	E. Barnum.
Lawrence.	50 "	C. Rockwell.
Bloomington.	50 "	H. H. Howard.
Columbus.	50 "	A. M. Brown.
Decatur.	40 "	R. Nutting.
Geneva.	50 "	J. B. Watson.
South Haven.	50 "	A. Thompson.
Hamilton.	30 "	G. G. B. Yeckley.
Arlington.	40 "	A. Heath.
Antwerp.	50 "	I. A. Fitch.
Almena.	40 "	W. F. French.
Deerfield.	30 "	G. H. Barker.

The Committee on Claims referred the claim of I. E. Barnum for services rendered in the trial of the Matteson case, back to the Board for their action thereon, which on motion of Supervisor Hart was allowed at the sum of three hundred dollars. The Committee on Claims submitted the following final report:

Claimant.	Am't Claimed.	Am't Allowed.
Wm. Daniels, for constable fees.	\$ 2 10	\$ 2 10
Sherman & Sellick, blankets for jail.	14 00	14 00
Silas Whitney, constable fees.	4 15	4 15
Horace Pettengill, do	10 00	10 00
Henry Brooks, do	50 00	47 63
Samuel Conzalus, wood.	12 50	12 50
Collins D. Manny, constable fees.	14 00	11 00
Lamont Ramsey, Guarding prisoner.	5 00	5 00
George Carleton, do	2 00	2 00
Reuben Root, do	1 00	1 00
John Allen, do	1 00	1 00
Frank Pierce, do	1 00	1 00
Edward Lamper, do	1 00	1 00
Stephen Conklin, do	2 00	2 00
Geo. W. Williams, do	1 00	1 00
T. F. Dodge, do	14 50	14 50

Supervisor Thompson presented the following preamble and resolutions, which on motion were adopted:

WHEREAS, The criminal business of the county has largely increased during the past year, and has demanded a large share of the time and attention of the Public Prosecutor, and has also added largely to his expenses while engaged on behalf of the People, therefore

Resolved, That we hereby express our sincere gratification at the successful manner in which the Prosecuting Attorney has managed the interests of the People during his term of office, and also

Resolved, That we hereby appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars for the purpose of paying office rent for the Prosecuting Attorney.

Supervisor Nutting submitted the following resolution, which on motion was adopted:

Resolved, By the Board of Supervisors of Van Buren County, that since the adoption of the report of the committee on the county poor by this Board, that evidence of a reliable nature has been received that there is missing from the county farm a great number of articles of household goods and other articles, thereby subjecting the present Superintendent to great inconvenience, therefore be it

Resolved, That we instruct the Prosecuting Attorney to institute legal proceedings for their immediate recovery, or the value thereof and be it further

Resolved, That we exonerate the present incumbent, Mr. Hodge from all imputation of wrong doing in the management of the county farm. Which on motion was adopted.

On motion the Board adjourned until to-morrow morning at eight o'clock.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 1874.

Board met pursuant to adjournment—roll called—quorum present. Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Supervisor Streater presented the following resolution, which on motion was adopted:

Resolved, By the Board, that in accordance with a resolution passed at the October Session in the matter of submitting the proposition of raising the sum of two thousand dollars by tax, for the purpose of building a fire-proof building to be used as offices for the records of the county, that the Clerk of this Board be instructed to prepare and publish the proper notices required by law, also to prepare and distribute the proper ballots for the same.

The Board voted themselves their own allowances for services and then adjourned.

The following Preamble and Resolutions were passed by the Pine Grove Literary Society, at a meeting of the Society, held on the 15th inst.

DIED.—At Pine Grove, Jan. 7th, 1874, by drowning, FRANK WISE, aged 15 years.

WHEREAS, Through the dispensation of Almighty God, He has been pleased to remove from our midst, our worthy and beloved member, FRANK WISE. Therefore be it

Resolved, That we as a Society feel that we have lost a faithful friend of the cause in which we are engaged.

Resolved, That we as a Society, by his example of faithfulness, be stimulated to renewed efforts to advance the noble principles of our Society.

Resolved, That while we deplore the severance of friendly ties, we extend to the relatives of the deceased our heartfelt sympathy in this their hour of affliction, and commend them to the great source of all good, for consolation in this trying hour. "Though he be dead, yet shall he live again."

Resolved, That the family of the deceased be presented with a copy hereof and a copy be forwarded to the Editor of the TAXES NOTICER for publication.

D. L. MORRIS,
O. D. YESSER,
O. S. BROWN, } Committee.

C. H. MYERS,

Recording Secretary.

OBITUARY.

The sudden and unexpected termination of the earthly career of our much loved, and youthful friend, Frank Wise, son of D. D., and Ordella Wise, of Pine Grove Mills, who was drowned on the 7th inst., while on the ice in the enjoyment of a skating party, the ice gave way and he sank to rise a lifeless corpse.

These few reflections are only as a drop in the scale of comparison to the ocean to his many native good qualities, which are rare gifts. He was quiet in expression, strong in action or purpose. That transparent honesty, and simple integrity, formed as it were, the atmosphere in which he lived. Every one entertained towards him the warmest regards and looked upon him as an intimate and true friend. His reputation was looked upon as the common property of all who knew him: both old and young of his wide circle of acquaintance; and all felt a pride in the brilliancy of promise, that his private virtues and good qualities foreshadowed in his common deportment. His leading qualities were his beautiful simplicity, his unyielding integrity, remarkable firmness, and his open many frankness. He carried his heart in his giving hand; to all with whom he was acquainted he had, and evinced some token of approbation and esteem.

He had nothing too good to be given or sent to a friend. He abhorred any ungenerous act, or to wrong any one. To such as inspired his confidence by the exhibition of honesty and many prudence, in their behavior, which was so eminently characterized by him, to such, he was a zealous and untiring friend. No youth ever possessed warmer or stronger attachments. He studied to make his associates happy and cheerful. No stain of dishonor ever tarnished his name.

His mind gave early indications of its force and power; he seemed to leap over infancy with a stride, he was a man at once, when his father's business demanded his attention and care; he met all of his father's patrons in trade with a smile, and a soul full of benevolence. Every one who dealt with him at the counter, felt an overflow of affection for him for his disinterested honesty, his magnanimity and nobility of soul, that characterized his dealings. He never misrepresented any article of merchandise to a customer.

He had a passion for society in which he always showed an enthusiastic fondness and devotion, and was ever an untiring auxiliary to his innocent amusements. The expression of his countenance indicated a generous and gallant soul, and conscious goodness, the omens of future greatness. He was the ornament of his years, and his associates, who all clung to him as the vine clings to the oak with its folds, and caresses.

His adaptation to the different classes of society was artless and easy; with the aged his demeanor was grave and manly, with manifestations of the deepest respect. At church or sabbath school his soul seemed to be deeply imbued with a sense of his religious obligations, between himself, his parents, and his creator and ruler. And amongst his youthful associations, his artless and intuitive urbanity placed him always in the front rank. His principles were not weakened by flattery, nor his sense of duty by censure. He knew well his own faults and was ever on his guard against any that might wound his company or lessen their happiness.

Amidst the enjoyment of affectionate hearts, and surrounded by every means to make life cheery, and happy, our hero sank in the morning of his joys. Sad are we now, who used to enjoy his smiles and hear his sweet voice, and partake of his many gifts, and kind proffers. As I gazed upon his corpse my memory was filled with reminiscences of his infancy, when first I saw him, some eight years since, and his many kind offices to me and my family, even at that tender age of six or seven summers. He was then a man, the same kind soul, and as time advanced he grew stronger, day by day.

As I sat listening with reverential pathos to the words of cheer, by Elder Darline, to his parents and throng of friends, I felt that I was in a sacred place, surrounded by a holy atmosphere, and that our lamented "Franky" still lives, and will ever live in our souls as a loved one. His bland, kind, mild and expressive face is photographed upon our memories, and his endearments interwoven with our hearts. His sleeps!—that fond heart throbs no more, that once beat warm and fervent, in unison with ours. Our souls were too full for utterance, and we could not forbear the silent tear.

All seemed to feel alike, that it was a sacred place. The plaintive strains of music, as his dirge fell deeply and softly into the deep chambers of our souls, and softened them into melting tenderness to the world of mankind.

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Mortgage Sale.—Default having been made in the payment of a certain indenture of mortgage bearing date the twentieth day of October, A. D. 1871, executed by George Hopkins and his wife Anna Hopkins, of the town of Bloomington, Van Buren County, State of Michigan, to William R. Hawkins, of Paw Paw, Michigan, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Van Buren County, State of Michigan, in Liber number three on page number 108, on the tenth day of March, A. D. 1871, and the amount claimed to be due thereon at the date of this notice being three hundred and ninety-three dollars and ninety-one cents (\$393.91) including an attorney fee of twenty-five dollars provided for in said mortgage, and no suit or proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the amount now due and unpaid and secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; now, therefore, notice is hereby given that by virtue of a power of sale contained in said mortgage, there will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, on Thursday the fourth day of April, A. D. 1874, at the front door of the Court House in the village of Paw Paw, Van Buren County, State of Michigan, at twelve o'clock at noon of said day, the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy the amount due upon and secured to be paid by said mortgage, with interest and cost, and premises being described as follows, to wit: The east half of the east half of the north-west quarter of section fourteen (14) in township two (2) south, of range fourteen (14) west. Dated January 10th, 1874. 980113 W. R. HAWKINS, Mortgagee.

Sheriff's Sale.—By virtue of a writ of execution issued out of and under the seal of the Circuit Court for the County of Van Buren and State of Michigan, do hereby return and deliver against the goods and chattels, lands and tenements of Charles H. Morris and J. D. Hulse, the defendants therein named, and in favor of Henry Mason, plaintiff, and bearing date the eleventh day of December, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three, I did on the eighteenth day of December, A. D. 1873, seize and levy upon all the right title and interest of J. D. Hulse, one of the above named defendants, in and to the following described real estate, to wit: The south half of the north-east quarter of the south-east quarter of the south-west quarter of section twenty-five (25) in township number four (4) south of range number fourteen (14) west, in the County of Van Buren and State of Michigan, and to the highest bidder, at the front door of the Van Buren County Court House, in the village of Paw Paw, at two o'clock in the afternoon of Saturday, the twenty-first day of February, A. D. 1874, or so much thereof as will be necessary to satisfy said execution together with the costs allowed by law. Dated January 3, 1874. 980-67 JOHN E. SHOWERSMAN, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Sale.—By virtue of a writ of execution issued out of and under the seal of the Circuit Court for the County of Van Buren and State of Michigan, do hereby return and deliver against the goods and chattels, lands and tenements of William R. Sirrine, the defendant therein named, and in favor of Thomas H. Briggs, plaintiff, and bearing date the fourteenth day of November, A. D. 1873, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three, I did, on the seventeenth day of December, A. D. 1873, seize and take and levy upon all the right title and interest of William R. Sirrine, the defendant therein named, in and to the following described real estate situated in the County of Van Buren and State of Michigan, viz: Commencing in the South line of land formerly owned by Wm. R. Hawkins, at a stake at the North-east corner of section number one and one-fourth degree east, (S. 69 1/2 E.) one chain and seventy-eight links (10.78) to a stake in the west line of land owned by J. J. Woodman, thence along said Woodman's west line and Merriam's west line, south, four degrees east, (S. 4 E.) seven (7) chains to the South-east corner of land owned by Frederick P. Sirrine, to stake, thence along said Field's North line, North, three degrees and ten minutes west, (N. 85 1/2 W.) nineteen chains and fourteen links, (19.14) to the center of the highway, thence along the center of the highway three chains and ninety-seven links, (3.97) to the said Woodman's North-west corner, thence along said Woodman's South line, South, sixty-one and one quarter degrees East, (S. 69 1/4 E.) five (5) chains to said Woodman's East line, thence along the highway North, twenty-nine degrees East, (N. 29 1/2 E.) two (2) chains to the place of beginning, containing nine and twenty-six hundredths (9.26) acres of land, be the same more or less, situated on the North-east quarter of section number twelve, (12) in township number three (3) South of range number fourteen (14) West. Which I shall expose for sale at public vendue to the highest bidder, at the front door of the Van Buren County Court House, in the village of Paw Paw, at two o'clock in the afternoon of Saturday, the twenty-first day of February, A. D. 1874, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, or so much thereof as will be necessary to satisfy said execution, together with the costs allowed by law. Dated Paw Paw, January 3, 1874. 980-67 JOHN E. SHOWERSMAN, Sheriff.

Mortgage Sale.—Default having been made in the payment of a certain indenture of mortgage bearing date the thirtieth day of October, A. D. 1871, executed by E. Myers and his wife Lucinda M. Myers, of the township of Waverly, Van Buren County, State of Michigan, to Wm. R. Hawkins, of Paw Paw, Michigan, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Van Buren County, State of Michigan, in Liber No. 5, on page 517, on the thirty-first day of